WELSH BOARD OF HEALTH
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CRICKHOWELL RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT 1948

DR. T.R. SUTHERLAND.	1st January	- 31st March.
DR. E.B. MEYRICK.	1st April	- 25th June.
E.R. MORGAN.	26th June	- 31st December.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

Herewith is submitted a brief report for the year 1948 on the lines indicated by the Welsh Board of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Population - Registrar General's Estimate = 6,876.

Total Births = 142. Male 71. Female 71.

Total Deaths = 69. Male 46. Female 23.

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population = 20.65

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population = 10.03

Still Births = 6.

Transferable Deaths = 22. Inward 17. Outward 5.

Infantile Mortality Rate = 21.12 per 1,000.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

DEATHS.

Causes.	M.	F.
All Causes.	46	23
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers.	0	0
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever.	0	0
3. Scarlet Fever.	0	0
4. Whooping Cough.	0	0
5. Diphtheria.	0	0
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.	0	0
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis.	1	0
8. Syphilitic Diseases.	0	0
9. Influenza.	0	0
10. Measles.	0	0
11. Acute Polio-myelitis & Polio Encephalitis.	0	0
12. Acute Infective Encephalitis.	0	0
13. Cancer of Buccal Cavity & Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	1	0
14. Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum.	3	0
15. Cancer of Breast.	0	0
16. Cancer of all other sites.	2	2
17. Diabetes.	0	0
18. Intra-cranial vascular lesions.	5	7
19. Heart Diseases.	13	10
20. Other Diseases of Circulatory System.	0	1
21. Bronchitis.	3	0
22. Pneumonia.	1	0
23. Other Respiratory Diseases.	0	0
24. Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum.	4	0
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years.	0	0
26. Appendicitis.	0	0
27. Other Digestive Diseases.	0	0
28. Nephritis.	0	0
29. Puerperal & Post-abortion Sepsis.	0	0
30. Other maternal causes.	0	0
31. Premature Birth.	1	0
32. Congenital Malformation, Birth Injuries, Infantile Diseases.	3	0
33. Suicide.	1	0

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	M	F
34. Road Traffic Accident.	1	0
35. Other Violent Causes.	0	0
36. All Other Causes.	7	3

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Inspections were carried out continuously throughout the year in the District, and Informal Notices have been served where it was found necessary.

Inspections made	1,761
Informal Notices	242
Statutory Notices	6

W A T E R.

The Council have the following schemes under consideration:-

1. CWM CEGR SCHEME, LLANGENNY.

This scheme is still under consideration and will provide new supplies for the villages of Llangenny and Glangrwyney, and augment the Crickhowell Town Supply.

2. LLANELLY HILL.

Tenders have been advertised for in connection with the carrying out of the scheme to tap the Abertillery Water Board's main to supply Upper Gelly, Lower Gelly, Upper Cwmnantgam and Lower Cwmnantgam.

3. LLANGYNIDR.

The tapping of the Talybont/Newport pipe line to supply Llangynidr is still under consideration.

4. BWLCH.

The provision of a new water supply at Bwlch from the following possible sources:-

(a) The Talybont/Newport pipe line at Llangynidr.
(b) A joint scheme with the Brecon Rural District Council.
(c) The pumping of water from a spring alongside the River Usk at Llangynidr.
(d) The pumping of spring water from Brecon Rural District.

5. LLANBEDR.

The acquisition of a new spring.

PREMISES SUPPLIED WITH PUBLIC WATER.

Parish.	Estimated Present Population.	No. of Premises Supplied.	Estimated Population Supplied
CRICKHOWELL	1,111	403	1,045
CWMDU	665	114	308

Parish.	Estimated Present Population.	No. of Premises Supplied.	Estimated Population Supplied.
LLANBEDR	240	18	50
LLANELLY	3,318	638	2,509
LLANGATTOCK	757	171	511
LLANGENNY	254	48	130
LLANGYNIDR	480	100	291
PARTRISHOW	48	Nil	Nil

The difference between the population figures and persons supplied is covered by private schemes, springs and wells.

WATER ANALYSIS 1948.

Two samples of water were taken for analysis purposes during the year for private farm schemes.

1. Penlan Farm, Cwmdu. Bacteriological and Chemical.

2. Cwernybwtler, Crickhowell. Bacteriological and Chemical.

FARM SCHEMES.

The following private water supply schemes were carried out at farms in the district during the year 1948:-

(a) Llwyncwtrach Farm, Glangrwyney.
(b) Penglifach Farm, Llangenny.
(c) Penybont, Llanbedr.
(d) Panteg, Llanbedr.
(e) Penlan, Cwmdu.
(f) The Rock, Bwlch.
(g) Gilwych Farm, Cwmdu.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

CRICKHOWELL AND LLANGATTOCK.

The scheme is well advanced for the modernisation of the Crickhowell Sewerage Scheme, the provision of a Sewerage Scheme for the village of Llangattock, and the construction of a joint Sewage Disposal Works.

LLANBEDR.

A modified Sewerage Scheme for the village of Llanbedr is still under consideration.

GILWERN.

The preparation of plans for the construction of a Sewerage Scheme for Gilwern, and the acquisition of the Aberbaiden War Department Sewage Works in connection therewith, are nearing completion. A 15" trunk sewer has been laid from the new Council Houses to the Sewage Works and this trunk sewer will, eventually, be used for the village scheme.

HOUSING.

Plans.

The following plans were received during the year:-

Nature of Plan.	Situation.	Parish.
House.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Garage.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Pair of Houses.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Garage.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Garage and Shop.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Quarry and Limekilns.	Blaenonney.	Llangynidr.
Bungalow.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Cricket Pavilion.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Gents Urinal and W.C.	Tretower.	Cwmdu.
Farm Worker's Cottage.	Glanyrafon.	Crickhowell.
Electricity Extension.	Danygrug.	Crickhowell.
Bathroom.	Llangynidr.	Llangynidr.
Additional Bedroom.	Llangattock.	Llangattock.
Breeding Kennels.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Additional Bedroom, Scullery and Bathroom.	Gellyrhyd.	Llanbedr.
Bungalow.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Alteration to public room at Forge Hammer Inn.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Soft water storage tank.	Partrishow.	Partrishow.
Electricity Extension.	Bwlch.	Cwmdu.
Granary & Implement Shed.	Llangynidr.	Llangynidr.
Underground Electric Cable.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Milking Parlour.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Bungalow.	Bwlch.	Cwmdu.
Quarry Workings.	Mynnyd Pen Cyrn.	Llangynidr.
Bungalow.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Site plan proposed 3 houses.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Dwelling.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Alterations to Llangattock Park House.	Llangattock.	Llangattock.
Electricity Extension.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Telegraphic Works.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Farm Worker's Cottage.	Duffryn.	Llanbedr.
Dwelling.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Alterations to Bar and erection of ladies W.C. and Cloakroom.	Bwlch.	Cwmdu.
Electricity Extension.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Conversion of Barn to Bungalow.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Bungalow and Garage.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Dwelling.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Factory for Elvicta Handtools.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Garage.	Llangenny.	Llangenny.
New access to Lion Hotel.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Electricity Extension.	Blackrock & Lower Gelly.	Llanelly.
Entrance to Glanyrafon from Castle Road.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Electricity Extension.	Darenfelen.	Llanelly.
Electricity Extension.	Maesgwartha.	Llanelly.
Hall.	Cwmdu.	Cwmdu.
Electricity Extension.	Clydach.	Llanelly.
Bungalow.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Garage.	Ffynnonau.	Crickhowell.
Opencast Work.	Llanelly Hill.	Llanelly.
Dental Surgery.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Bungalow.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.

Nature of Plan.	Situation.	Parish.
Conversion of Bakehouse to Fish & Chip Shop.	Clydach.	Llanelly.
Electricity Extension.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Telegraphic Works.	Dardy.	Llangattock.
Bathroom & W.C.	Blackrock.	Llanelly.
Conversion of two cottages to two semi-detached bungalows.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.
Fencing in of Cobbled Yard.	Crickhowell.	Crickhowell.
Bungalow.	Bwlch.	Cwmdu.
Electricity Extension.	Gilwern.	Llanelly.

SQUATTERS.

41 families have been removed from the defunct Hospital at Aberbaiden to Aberbaiden Mansion and Hutments, a short distance from the Hospital. The remaining families at the Hospital are to be removed to Danypark and Llanover Camps.

COUNCIL HOUSES.

Twenty two traditional houses and forty B.I.S.F. houses at Crickhowell were completed and occupied during the year 1948. Twenty houses at Gilwern were also completed during the year.

SCAVENGING.

The Council having purchased a modern sanitary scavenging motor lorry, household collection is now carried out by direct labour in all parts of the district, with the exception of a small mountainous area at the Wenallt, Gilwern. This is still done by horse and cart.

RODENT CONTROL.

Rodent Operator's report for the year 1948:-

Infestation Treatments.

Private Dwellings	104.
Business Premises	19.
Local Authority property including sewers and refuse tips.	14.

Brooks in the areas near houses are treated about twice a year.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

The need for a Public Convenience at Gilwern has frequently been referred to. Plans have been prepared and it is hoped to receive the sanction of the Welsh Board of Health to proceed with the erection thereof at an early date.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The following goods, on inspection, were found to be unfit and were voluntarily surrendered:-

3 tins Sausages.
1 tin Meat Roll.
8 tins Pilchards.

6 tins Minced Beef Loaf.
8 tins Vegetable Soup.
3 tins Potted Meat.
5 tins Meat Paste.
75 lbs. Flour.
5 gal. tins Pears.
4 tins Stewed Steak.
13 tins Evap. Milk.
3 lbs. Golden Syrup.
4 tins Peas.
16 lbs. Marmalade.
1 tin Tomatoes.
4 tins Grapefruit.
9 tins Steak and Carrots.
1 Pkt. Ryvita.
4 Pkts. Barley Flakes.
2 Pkts. Sponge Mixture.
1 tin Rhubarb.
1 tin Beans in Tomato Sauce.
8 tins Sweetened Milk.
4 lbs. Jam.
40 tins Bengers Food.
2 tins Allenbury's Food.
4 tins Tomato Soup.
1 tin Salmon.
1 tin Apricots.
4 tins Oranges.
4 tins Spaghetti.
3 tins Peaches.
2 tins Plums.
6 lbs. Sheep & Lambs& Tongues.
1 tin Bacon.

M I L K.

The following is a record of milk samples taken in this area in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries:-

1948.	A.	B.	C.
JANUARY.	37	2	0
FEBRUARY.	39	2	1
MARCH.	38	1	4
APRIL.	52	2	3
MAY.	48	2	5
JUNE.	27	1	1
JULY.	37	10	3
AUGUST.	33	1	6
SEPTEMBER.	42	2	11
OCTOBER.	33	3	7
NOVEMBER.	50	2	1
DECEMBER.	27	0	0
	463	28	42

giving a percentage of:-

"A" 87.0
"B" 5.2
"C" 7.8

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The following cases, other than Tuberculosis, were notified during the year:-

DISEASES.	NO. OF CASES.
Scarlet Fever.	13.
Pneumonia.	8.
Cerebro-Poliomyelitis.	1.
Encephalitis Lethargica.	1.
Measles.	7.

TUBERCULOSIS.

A schedule of new cases and removals from the Register is given below.

New Cases.				Removals from Register.			
Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
9	11	2	0	3	3	1	0

SCHOOLS.

The following is a table showing schools closed during the year and reason for closure:-

Llangattock V.P.	6th June, 1948 to 19th July, 1948. Reason for closure - Chickenpox.
Llangattock V.P.	22nd November, 1948 to 19th November, 1948. Reason for closure - Mumps.

Yours faithfully,

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for Medical Officers of Health.